

NEW-YORK DAILY TRIBUNE, SEPTEMBER 26

GREETING TO AMERICA.

When folds the gay sonatas his wings
Where his warblings never sounded before,
Alive with his ravings he sings—
Streets, that tremble, rending the more.
And thus, when the ministered song
Takes with a lay this bright throng,
Her heart-warmed emotion awes—
The throngs she breathes into song.

Often in vision I've seen this fair land,
Majestic in forests and streams—
And a grand picture more grand—
Never charmed an enthusiast's dreams.

But still the enchanting the view—
That reality now doth unfold,
Of the world in which we dream of as new,
Outgrowing in grandeur the old.

Who sees an ages shall cast,
Then lengthening shadows afar,
O! may the Union stand fast,
Undismayed by one flickering star.

May the Eagle when winging his flight,
Go forth like the messenger dove—
And th' armed with the thunder of might,
Bear the emblem of mercy and love.

SPINNING JENNY.

PROT. EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

Sixty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-York.

The Sixty Sixth Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-York commenced its session at 10 o'clock this morning at St. John's Chapel, Varick-street.

The attendance of Clerical and Lay Delegates was unusually large for the first day. There will probably be a strong general representation from all sections of the Diocese.

This morning's session was occupied with the usual opening services. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Dr. Weaver of West Troy—Rev. J. Carpenter Smith of Flushing reading the Lessons. The ante-Communion service was then performed by Rev. Dr. Horatio of Trinity—Rev. Dr. Greigh translating the Epistles.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. Kenneth M. McCalley, Rector of Christ Church, Daaneburgh, from the text: St. Jude, v. 20, 21: "But ye believed, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost; keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ into eternal life."

The preacher reviewed the state of religion at the latter part of the Apostolic age, and traced its development through succeeding ages. The troubles of the Church had not yet been terminated. Schism is scarcely reckoned among the catalogue of sins. The old philosophy of the day has prevailed to a great extent; and there is much upon the altar of unholy discord. Yet there is nothing in all this that should discourage the Church's ministers. The health and soundness of the Church is not to be judged by outward appearances, whether of adversity or prosperity.

There is an inner life which cannot be annihilated. It becomes a question how the Christian minister is to bear himself in view of the evils prevailing at the present time. There can be no better answer than in the Apostolic injunction, which forms our text: Building up yourselves on your own most holy faith. Keep yourselves in the love of God!

We cannot but learn from this episode that there is danger in the least deviation from the fundamental principles of our faith. We must look well to the foundation on which we live.

The Apostle again enjoins the necessity for the cultivation of a devotional spirit. We shall never find in devotion its true enjoyment until we are imbued with the Holy Spirit. All acceptable prayer is through the influence of the Holy Ghost. But the fountain will cease to flow unless we cherish uniform and well-established devotional habits.

Without devotional habits, we shall be carnal and profane in it, if not obnoxious.

The speaker regarded the growing love for Christian ordinances in the Church, as a most encouraging feature in our times—as showing that the Church is really awaking to a sense of her high privilege. The general state of the Church was then passed review, and the spiritual affairs of the Diocese briefly considered.

At the conclusion of the Sermon, the Offertory was read by Rev. Dr. Haight. Four Deacons received the alms.

The Communion service was then read by Rev. Dr. Bennett.

The Holy Communion was administered by Rev. Dr. Bennett, assisted by Rev. Dr. Haight and Cheighton, and Read Steury.

At 11 o'clock the Convention was called to order by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Haight; and the Session Presbyter present, Rev. Dr. Garrison of Trinity, took the Chair, pursuant to the Fifth Rule of Order.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the roll of the Delegates.

A Committee of two, consisting of Hon. Luther Bradish and Wm. H. Garrison, Esq., was appointed to examine the Credentials of Lay Delegates. Mr. Garrison being absent, Judge Betts was placed upon the Committee in his stead.

The Churches entitled to representation were then called over, and the Lay Delegates presented their certificates. Four were found slightly defective, but the Delegates were admitted.

A constitutional quorum of both orders being present, the Convention proceeded to elect a President from the Clergy.

Rev. William Cheighton, D. D. Rector of Christ Church, Tarrytown, was nominated for the office by Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Grace Church, New York.

The vote by ballot was dispensed with, and Dr. Cheighton was unanimously elected President.

On taking the Chair, Dr. Cheighton responded very briefly—returning his thanks for the honor to which he had so often been called, and guaranteeing to fulfil the duties of the office to the best of his ability.

The Rules of Order were then read. The Convention then proceeded to appoint a Secretary and Treasurer. Last year's incumbents were unanimously elected, the vote by ballot being dispensed with: Rev. Benj. L. Haight, D. D. Secretary; Rev. W. E. Eigenbrodt, Assistant Secretary; Charles N. S. Rowland, Esq. Treasurer.

The President then appointed the following Standing Committees and Inspectors of Elections:

On the Incorporation of Churches.—Hon. Samuel Jones, Rev. William L. Johnson, D. D., and William D. Durand, Esq.

On the Diocesan Fund.—Rev. Orcarius H. Saub, Rev. William Reinhart, Hon. Jonathan Bennett, Cyrus Curtis, Esq. and the Treasurer.

On the Treasurer's Report.—Gerrit G. Van Wagenen, Esq., Hon. Luther Bradish, and Floyd Smith, Esq.

On the Theological Seminary.—Rev. John Brown, D. D., Rev. Reuben Sherwood, D. D., A. T. Anderson, John R. Livingston, Jr. and Anthony B. McDonald, Esq.

On Canons.—Rev. Caleb S. Henry, D. D., Rev. Lot Jones, Rev. Edward Y. Hedges, D. D., and Hon. Gulian C. Verplanck, Hon. Samuel Jones and William B. Harrison, Esq.

Inspectors of Elections.—For the Clerical Votes.—Rev. Mr. Pardee and Mr. F. De Peyster. For the Lay Voices: Rev. Mr. Tuttle and Mr. F. Winston.

For the Missionary Committee.—For the Clerical Votes.—Rev. Mr. Miller and Hon. Moses Hart. For the Lay Votes.—Rev. Mr. Morris and Mr. B. Holmes.

For the Provincial Lay Deputy to the General Convention.—For the Clerical Votes.—Rev. Dr. Achorn and Mr. F. O'Neil.

For the Lay Votes.—Rev. A. B. Hart and Dr. F. O'Neil.

Nearly all the gentlemen here named have been selected from last year.

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